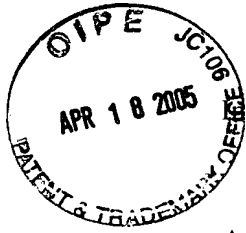


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Dear Sir:

In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. This response is timely filed.